



Application No.:10/625,700

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Shinya TAGUCHI et al.

Group Art Unit: 2179

Application No.: 10/625,700

Examiner: N. AUGUSTINE

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Docket No.: 116678

For: IMAGE PROCESSING SYSTEM

PRE-APPEAL BRIEF REQUEST FOR REVIEW

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This request is being filed with a Notice of Appeal. Review of the February 4, 2010 Office Action is requested for the reasons set forth in the attached five or fewer sheets.

Should any questions arise regarding this submission, or the Review Panel believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Review Panel is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

II. Information Disclosure Statements filed

Applicants respectfully request acknowledgement and consideration of the references filed in an Information Disclosure Statements on January 29, 2008, April 1, 2008 and March 19, 2009.

III. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

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